



SAINT ELIZABETH OF HUNGARY ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH

The Hungarian Mission is alive and awaits you with affection!

Let's build a community when the need is the greatest!

Advent 2021

Dear members of our congregation, dear friends!

I write this letter on the Feast of Christ the King, which recalls many happy, youthful experiences in me. As a university student, my community around the chapel of Christ the King in Budapest was the first that gave me a personal religious experience and the opportunity to share my faith. It was there that we heard the call to serve and answer it. My personal calling is linked there: the experience that **you can meet Jesus ... and you can talk about it!**

In the Gospel for the day, Jesus says: *"I was born and for this purpose I have come into the world to bear witness to the truth."* (John 18:37) This feast opens a vista for us: before we enter to greet the child Jesus, first let us cast our eyes to the created world and its King, the transfigured Christ! Yes, it can be said of God that "He can not dwell in the greatest yet can be found in the smallest." This is what we should practice this year: to notice the face of God in the greatest wonders of our created world, as well as in the least, the weakest person! To do that, it is necessary to put aside our own "truth," our selfish perspectives, our private opinions and accept that His Truth overrides all because only that can open our hearts and minds; it is the only way to our happiness. That is the experience I dearly wish for every member of our congregation!



The Fall brought the possibility for **continuous, calculable reopening**. I am grateful for all the willing assistance and good suggestions, and the hope that it will continue. The recent Feast of Saint Elizabeth and many other programs show that, although differently, the **rebuilding of our community is possible**, and must be done, after this destructive period of isolation – if we truly want it. Today, it is clear that if we dare to believe in a future, make creative plans and dare to commence, new life will be born. We had to rework our Advent Program (on the next page). I especially draw your attention to such entirely new events like the Christmas market and the Christmas Carols.

The suspended renovation plans have been restarted. This Christmas, the collection will serve several purposes (see donation slip): the **Youth-School Fund**, for **general maintenance** and the building of the patio in the courtyard. The **courtyard patio** structure will enable outdoor programs (Café, etc.) with a light, covered structure that also connects the office and church hall entrances. I thank in advance all donations on behalf of our congregation.

How should we prepare for this Advent season? The intent of our prayers should perhaps focus on deeper hope whereby our path could be keeping more silence.

On behalf of myself and our church council, I wish all of you a blessed Advent.

Fr Tamás

ADVENT EVENTS FOR THE ENGLISH SPEAKER COMMUNITY

I. ADVENT

- **Nov. 27. 5pm: Vigil Mass.** 6pm: **Advent Vespers with Imre Oláh**
- **Nov. 28.** Distribution of booklets **“Together We Wait. Advent for families 2021”** for Advent preparation in families. 10am-12,30pm: **Lángos sale.** **12pm:** Preparing the Advent Wreath.

II. ADVENT

- **Dec. 3. First Friday - Day of Advent retreat: confessions,** spiritual guidance, Adoration 7am-7pm. 7,30-8,30pm: **Taize prayer**
- **Dec. 4. Saint Nicholas – 4pm: Adoration, 5pm: Vigil Mass with the music ministry of the Holy Trinity Community**
- **Dec. 5. Altar Servers and Youth Club.** 10am-12.30pm: **Christmas market**

III. ADVENT

- **Dec. 11: 8-10am: Day of Confessions. 5pm: Vigil Mass**
- **12. MCC Sausage sale**

IV. ADVENT

- **Dec. 18. 8-10am & 3-5pm: Confessions; 5pm: Vigil Mass,** followed by 6pm: **Fundraising Concert for Haiti**
- **Dec. 19. Altar Servers’ Bake sale**

CHRISTMAS

Dec. 24.

- 7:30am: Mass
- 9pm: **“Carols Service”**
- 10pm: **Christmas Eve Vigil Mass in English**

Dec. 25.

5pm: **Vigil Mass**

Dec. 26. 12:30pm: **Seniors Christmas**

Dec. 31. 6pm: Bilingual **Thanksgiving Mass** followed by **Adoration**

Jan.1. Solemnity of Mary 7,30 English Mass, 5pm: **Vigil Mass,** followed by an Agape shared by the **Haitian Community** on the anniversary of their Independence Day.

ONGOING PROGRAMS:

- **Please register for all the Weekend Masses on the link sent by our weekly Bulletin.**
- **Advent Confessions,** spiritual guidance: December 3. First Friday 3-6,30pm, Dec.11.Saturday 8-10am; Dec.18. Saturday. 8-10am & 3-5pm, or by appointment.
- **“Viewfinder – photo exhibition of Balázs Kralovánszky** in the Gallery from November 14 till the end of the Year.
- **See more detailed programs in the weekly Bulletin!**